SUBJECT No. 77.

Watchmen on provincial roads.

Mr. M. Subba Rao, Heggaddevankote taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Watchmen or mile coolies kept at every 5th milè on provincial roads are not doing their work properly. It is prayed that the services of these men be dispensed with and the savings utilized for any other useful purpose.

Reply of Government.—Will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 78.

Increase of pay to police constables.

(*a*) Mr. Parameswaraiya, Mandya taluk.

(*b*) Mr. Guru Rao, Tarikere taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The price of food grains has gone very high. The police constables work day and night and their pay is insufficient and therefore it may be increased.

(*b*) The minimum pay of police constables may be raised to Rs. 10 per mensem.

Reply of Government.—Noted

Messrs. U. Shiva Rao and Manjiah, Chikmagalur Municipality.

and on their return, it may be made incumbent on them to render every help to the agriculturists by advice and practical demonstrations in the use of improved tools, manures, etc. Some of them may be made to pass through a course of training in an Agricultural College. For this extra work the Government may be pleased to grant some extra remuneration to them. Further the patels may be required to educate their sons at least up to the Lower Secondary standard and give them agricultural training as well.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao.—It is unnecessary to burden shekdars with this training. Their work is already heavy. In the Kadur District leaflets on agricultural subjects have been distributed by the Agricultural Association, who have also taken an interest in demonstrating agricultural improvements.

Mr. Sura Sastri.—It is necessary to have in each taluk a qualified agricultural officer to introduce improvements in agriculture and Agricultural Inspectors may therefore be appointed.

Reply of Government.—There is not much use in making shekdars go through a short course of agricultural training. It is proposed to establish an Agricultural college and in that case facilities will be afforded to agriculturists to attend it by giving them scholarships.

SUBJECT No. 85.

(1) Office accommodation to shekdars.
(2) Free residential quarters to shekdars.

Mr. Hutchviregowda, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) At present there is no separate accommodation for shekdars to hold their offices. They keep their official records in their own dwelling houses, where the accommodation is insufficient to transact their official duties and to find room for parties who go to them. It is therefore proposed that if a separate building cannot be constructed for the purpose, a portion of the village chavadi may be converted into shekdar's office with suitable alterations. By doing so the revenue